



Appl. No. 09/919,022

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Baerlocher et al.
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Title: GAMING DEVICE WITH BONUS SCHEME HAVING MULTIPLE
SYMBOL MOVEMENT AND ASSOCIATED AWARDS
Art Unit: 3714
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed September 22, 2004, and in accordance with the telephone interview courteously granted to Applicants and the Applicants' representatives on February 7, 2005. A Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time to respond to the Office Action is submitted herewith. A Request for Continued Examination is submitted herewith. A check in the amount of \$1240.00 is submitted herewith to cover the cost of the two-month extension of time and the Request for Continued Examination. Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-1818 for any insufficiency of payment.

The Office Action rejected Claims 1 to 9, 13, 14, 23, 24, 26, 27, 31, 34 and 37 to 49 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,517,432 to Jaffe ("Jaffe"). Applicants respectfully maintain that Jaffe is not prior art of the presently claimed invention.